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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A printer for unidirectionally feeding a printed sheet which has been printed between a thermal head and a platen, by paired feed rollers provided downstream of said thermal head in a feeding direction,

wherein said platen is rotatably provided free from being rotated by a driving power source, and one roller of said paired feed rollers located on said thermal head side with respect to said printed sheet is a driving roller which is rotated by said driving power source, and the other roller located on said platen side is a driven roller which is not rotated by said driving power source.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A printer for feeding a printed sheet which has been printed between a thermal head and a platen, by paired feed rollers provided downstream of said thermal head in a feeding direction,

wherein said platen is rotatably provided free from being rotated by a driving power source, and one roller of said paired feed rollers located on said thermal head side with respect to said printed sheet is a driving roller which is rotated by said driving power source, and the other roller located on said platen side is a driven roller which is not rotated by said driving power source, and

according to claim 1, said printer further comprising a moving member on which said thermal

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head and said driving roller, or said platen and said driven roller are mounted, said moving member being held on a fixing portion to be movable in a direction in which said thermal head and said platen, said driving roller and said driven roller, respectively, approach to or separate from each other, so that when said moving member is moved in a direction of separation, portions between said thermal head and said platen and between said driving roller and said driven roller are both exposed to the outside.

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Claim 3 (original): A printer according to claim 1, wherein a portion of said driving roller contacting said printed sheet is formed of nonadhesive rubber.

Claim 4 (original): A printer according to claim 2, wherein a portion of said driving roller contacting said printed sheet is formed of nonadhesive rubber.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A printer for feeding a printed sheet which has been printed between a thermal head and a platen, by paired feed rollers provided downstream of said thermal head in a feeding direction,

wherein said platen is rotatably provided free from being rotated by a driving power source, and one roller of said paired feed rollers located on said thermal head side with respect to said printed sheet is a driving roller which is rotated by said driving power source, and the other roller located on said platen side is a driven roller which is not rotated by said driving power source, and

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~~according to claim 1~~, said printer further comprising:

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cont a moving member on which said thermal head and said driving roller, or said platen and said driven roller are mounted, said moving member being held on a fixing portion to be movable in a direction in which said thermal head and said platen, said driving roller and said driven roller, respectively, approach to or separate from each other;

paired pressing rollers continuously pressing against each other provided downstream of said driving roller and said driven roller in a feeding direction of said printed sheet; and

driving means for independently rotating said pressing roller.
